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Memorial Service for Peter Belton To Be Held This Week in San Francisco

San Francisco—A memorial service will be held for longtime California Supreme Court attorney Peter Belton at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 29, in the Milton Marks Conference Center Auditorium, Lower Level, Hiram Johnson State Office Building, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Mr. Belton died on October 18, 2007, due to complications of post-polio syndrome. He was 74.

Speakers will include Chief Justice Ronald M. George and Justice Joyce L. Kennard. Friends and colleagues of Mr. Belton are welcome to attend.

Mr. Belton joined the Supreme Court in 1960 as a staff attorney for Justice B. Rey Schauer. Four years later, he began working for Justice Stanley Mosk as a senior staff attorney and stayed during the justice's entire precedent-setting 37 years at the state's high court.

After Justice Mosk died in 2001, Belton joined the Office of the General Counsel of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC.) He assisted Justice Kennard, chair of the Judicial Council's Appellate Rules Revision Project Task Force, in updating and streamlining the appellate rules of California Rules of Court. It was the most comprehensive revision of the rules since they were drafted in the 1940s by legal scholar Bernard E. Witkin.

In 2004, Mr. Belton won an Attorney of the Year Award from *California Lawyer* magazine for his work on the appellate rules. He retired in 2005.

Mr. Belton is survived by his partner Celia Bloom; a sister, Suzanne Boutin of Fort Myers, Florida; a daughter, Laurie Belton of San Francisco; and three sons, Jeffrey Belton of Trinidad, Marc Belton of Arcata, and Nicholas Koch of Minneapolis; and five grandchildren.